



STATE OF TENNESSEE

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

CLASS SPECIFICATION

Class Title: ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY SPECIALIST			Abbreviation: ORNTN MOB SP
Class Code: 71926	OCC Code: 7	Analyst: TC	Effective Date: July 1, 1985

SUMMARY: Under general supervision, is responsible for professional orientation and mobility training of average difficulty; and performs related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: An employee in this class provides comprehensive and specialized orientation and mobility training and instruction to visually impaired persons. This class differs from that of Rehabilitation Instructor-Blind in that incumbents of the latter are not certified in orientation and mobility instruction and provide less technical and complex training.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Trains visually impaired persons in the use of remaining senses including all functions of the auditory, tactual, olfactory, and kinesthetic senses in addition to visualization and/or spatial relationships, and in the use of residual vision if present.
2. Teaches use of long cane and sighted guide techniques, both indoors and outdoors, and self-protective techniques without cane in familiar areas; provides training in traveling in residential, business, and rural settings, including the use of public transportation.
3. Assesses clients' individual needs; develops and implements programs of instruction to meet these needs.
4. Consults with specialist in medical field to determine clients' physical, emotional, and mental capabilities and limitations; coordinates programs with all other aspects of clients' comprehensive training program.
5. Writes formal assessment reports as well as periodic progress reports; keeps daily record of client progress.
6. Develops and implements in-service training for rehabilitation staff and the community.
7. Assists counselors in developing and implementing rehabilitation plans involving teaching of orientation and mobility skills.



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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience: Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a bachelor's degree in orientation and mobility or other acceptable field.

Necessary Special Qualifications: Certified or eligible for certification in orientation and mobility by the Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Handicapped. Certification is required within a reasonable time after employment.

EXAMINATION METHOD: Education and Experience, 100%, for Career Service positions.